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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims 1-20 indicated as cancelled:

1 - 20. (Cancelled)

(New) A firearm magazine with loading status indicator, the magazine comprising: 21.

a housing for storing bullets in a stacked configuration, with an opening for receiving the bullets,

a follower for supporting the bullets within the housing, movable along the housing and resiliently pressing towards the opening, so that at any time, when there exist at least one bullet within the housing it is presented at the opening, ready to be discharged;

indicator comprising a prominence cooperating with the follower, which in one indication state the prominence protrudes outside the housing and in another indication state the prominence does not protrude outside the housing, wherein one of the indication states corresponds to a state where the magazine is in a full condition, that is when it is filled with bullets up to a maximal capacity, and another indication state corresponding to a state where at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition.

- (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein a bore is provided on a bottom wall of the 22. magazine through which the prominence protrudes in one of the indication states.
- (New) The magazine of claim 22, wherein the prominence is integrated with the 23. follower.

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24. (New) The magazine of claim 23, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated

in the indicator.

25. (New) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

spring.

26. (New) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

pin with a resilient structure.

27. (New) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

pin made of elastic material.

28. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the follower comprises the prominence on

a bottom surface of the follower, wherein a bore is provided on a bottom wall of the

magazine through which the prominence protrudes in one of the indication states, and

wherein the prominence is hidden inside the housing at all times except when the magazine is

in the full condition, filled with bullets up to the maximal capacity.

29. (New) The magazine of claim 28, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated

in the prominence.

30. (New) The magazine of claim 29, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

spring.

31. (New) The magazine of claim 29, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

pin with a resilient structure.

32. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence cooperates with the

follower, so that when the magazine is in full condition the prominence protrudes outside a

bore in the housing, and when at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition

the prominence does not protrude.

33. (New) The magazine of claim 32, wherein the bore is located on a bottom surface of

the housing.

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34. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence cooperates with the follower, so that when the magazine is in full condition the prominence does not protrude outside a bore in the housing, and when at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition the prominence protrudes outside the bore.

- 35. (New) The magazine of claim 34, wherein the bore is located on a bottom surface of the housing.
- 36. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence is linked to follower.
- 37. (New) The magazine of claim 36, wherein the prominence is replaceable.
- 38. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence is provided on an end of a resilient lever pivotally attached to the housing, cooperating with the follower.
- 39. (New) The magazine of claim 38, wherein a second prominence is provided on another end of the resilient lever, so that when one prominence protrudes through the bore the second prominence is retracted, and when the one prominence is retracted the second prominence protrudes through a second bore at the housing.
- 40. (New) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence is colored distinctly.
- 41. (New) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence is distinctly shaped.
- 42. (New) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence has a different protrusion length.
- 43. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator comprises a floating member.
- 44. (New) The magazine of claim 43, wherein the floating member is resiliently supported.

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in the indicator.

46. (New) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

(New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated

spring.

47. (New) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

pin with a resilient structure.

48. (New) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a

pin made of elastic material.

49. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator is located on a bottom wall of

the magazine.

50. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator is located on a lateral wall of

the magazine.

51. (New) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator comprises a plurality of

indicators.